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MODIFICATION OF ARJUN TANK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Tank, Arjuna has not been found very much suited to the varied requirements of the Indian Army for operations in different terrain;

(b) if so, whether any modified version of this tank or alternative artillery guns namely Karna and Bheem have been or are being developed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir. The state-of-the-art indigenously developed MBT Arjun tank is highly suitable to the Indian Army for its role in different and difficult terrains.

(b) & (c): Does not arise in view of answer (a) above. However Bheem, a self propelled tracked field gun has been developed and tried out for different role.